

REMARKS

This application, as amended herein, contains claims 1-5, 9, 12-16, 25-29 and newly added claims 30-38. Support for claims 30-38 may be found in the specification at page 6, lines 16 - 21.

Claims 1-5, 9 12-1 and 25-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

With respect to claims 4 and 13, the trademark has been replaced in the specification in one instance, and in the claims by the generic words "slide seal", which is exactly the type of seal one would find in an internet search under the term "Ziplock", and is the present commonly understood meaning.

With respect to claims 1, 9 and 27, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner, in that it is respectfully submitted that the term "endless pocket" is in fact definite. The term "endless" is used in the same way as it is used with respect to an "endless belt", such as a drive belt in, for example, an automobile or in any piece of machinery. Further, the Examiner is respectfully referred to United States Patent No. 4,967,432, which specifically uses the term "endless pocket", in a manner similar to the way it is used in this application. The term endless pocket is also used in United States Patent No. 6,044,777 in a different context.

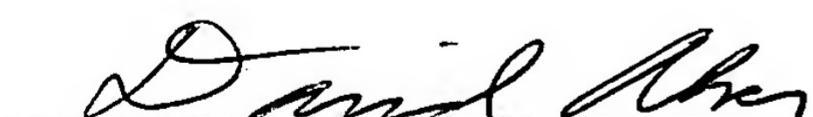
Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of the claims based on 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph be withdrawn. However, if the Examiner still disagrees, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted by telephone so that suitable alternative language may be explored and agreement can be reached.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication of allowability of claims 1-5, 9, 12-16 and 25-29.

Since all of the added claims depend from one of the independent claims, and because of the specific recitations of these claims, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are now directed to allowable subject matter. Thus, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due with this amendment. However, if any fee is due, permission is give to charge deposit account no. 502244.

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